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Denomination votes to back Amendment 2

Presbyterian group 'commends' Colorado

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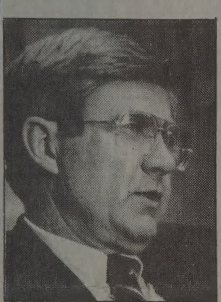
Colorado Presbyterians have been wrestling with how to deal with homosexuality in society and the church.

Recently, the Rocky Mountain chapter of the conservative Presbyterian Church in America approved a declaration supporting Amendment 2, which would prohibit laws banning discrimination against gays based on their sexual orientation.

The declaration, to be read at a June convention in Columbia, S.C., asks the denomination to "commend the people of the state of Colorado for their courage in support of Amendment 2." The declaration calls foes of the amendment "forces which would seek to promote ungodly living."



Perkins: Member of denomination that supported measure.

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The declaration, authored by Covenant Presbyterian Church of Lander, Wyo., encourages the denomination's 1,300 U.S. congregations to "take practical steps to support PCA churches in Colorado as they seek to advance Christ's kingdom."

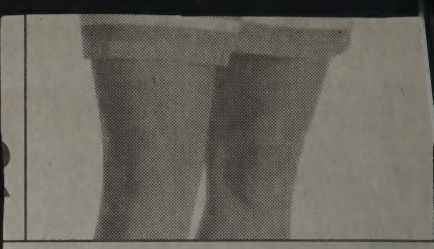
One of those Colorado churches is Village Seven Presbyterian Church of Colorado Springs. One of its members is car dealer Will Perkins, who is the chairman of Colorado for Family Values, the author of Amendment 2.

The church is one of the 20 largest in the denomination, which numbers fewer than 300,000 members. The denomination was founded in 1973 as a conservative reaction to perceived liberal tendencies in mainstream Presbyterian bodies.

Meanwhile, representatives of more than 50 Colorado churches in the mainline Presbyterian (U.S.A.) denomination voted this week against the ordination of gay and lesbian ministers.

The delegates voted 98 to 94 Tuesday night in Lakewood against ordaining homosexual ministers. The decision reversed one in March that called on the national church to end its 1978 ban on ordaining gay and lesbian ministers.

The denomination has nearly 4 million members nationwide.



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